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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. MEXICO'S CHANCES OF BECOMING AN EXPORTER RATHER THAN AN IMPORTER OF PHOSPHATE ROCK ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY REMOTE. INITIAL ANALYSIS OF ROCK SAMPLES FROM BAJA CALIFORNIA SHOWED A P SUB TWO(2) SUB FIVE (5) (P205) CONTENT WELL BELOW COMMERCIALY EXPLOITABLE LEVELS. DESPITE NUMEROUS GOM INSPIRED STORIES TO THE CONTRARY, MEXICO IS NOT LIKELY TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT-MUCH LESS AN EXPORTER- IN PHOSPHATE UNLESS FURTHER TESTS SHOW HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS AND LARGER QUANTITIES OF P205. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. FERTILIZER INDUSTRY SOURCE, WELL POSITIONED TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION, HAS INFORMED MINOFF THAT INITIAL ASSAYS OF BAJA PHOSPHATES SHOW P205 LEVELS BETWEEN 33 PERCENT AND 50 PERCENT OF THOSE FOUND IN FLORIDA OR MOROCCO ROCK. LAB HAS ANALYZED 25 OF SOME 150 SAMPLES SUBMITTED BY GOM SO RESULTS ARE FAR FROM COMPLETED. HOWEVER, HE DID STATE THAT HIS PLANT, MEXICO'S LARGEST AND MOST MODERN, COULD NOT PROFITABLY PROCESS ORE WITH SUCH A LOW CONCENTRATION OF P205. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. JOVA

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